

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-22, 26-29, and 39 are pending. Claims 1-17, 23-25, 30-38, and 40-44 are cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all limitations of the intervening claims.

In accordance with the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision of January 16, 2007 reversing the Examiner's rejection of claims 18-22, 26-29, and 39, Applicants hereby submit that the present claims are allowable over the applied references, singly or in combination.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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